

I am absolutely aghast that Sinclair Broadcasting might be able to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear case of abuse of power and public trust, and is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I don't understand how this abuse of the public airwaves might be allowed, and I sincerely hope that you will take the appropriate action and not allow Sinclair Broadcasting to go forward with this illegal political propaganda.

Thank you.